

Remarks/Traverse

It is respectfully submitted that the Restriction Requirement imposed within the Office action is not proper. It is clear that the imposed Requirement is between dependent claims. Moreover, it should be clearly noted that the Restriction is between groups that are not mutually exclusive. It has been a long held practice that an Applicant is entitled to a reasonable number of claims. Eleven claims is well within a reasonable limit since it is well below the number twenty which is permitted within an application without any further surcharge and thus has apparently already been accepted as a reasonable number of claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the improper Restriction be withdrawn, and consideration be given to all of the reasonable number of claims presented herein.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. ABE1-39642.

Respectfully submitted,
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